HOUSE BILL 2070

By Maddox

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

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- (a) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
- (1) "Nonresident teacher" means a teacher as defined in § 49-5-501, who does not reside within the state of Tennessee; and
- (2) "Space availability" means the ability to accommodate additional students at a particular school and grade level without incurring additional costs in the form of teachers or classrooms.
- (b) A child of a nonresident teacher shall be eligible to attend a school within the school district where the nonresident teacher is employed with no tuition charge.
- (c) The school district shall assign the student to the school of the nonresident teacher's choice annually based upon space availability. When space is not available at the school preferred by the nonresident teacher, the district shall assign the student to a school with available space nearest the preferred school.
- (d) When the nonresident teacher is no longer employed with a school district within the state, the provisions of this section shall no longer apply to the eligibility of the student to attend schools within this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

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